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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A pair of protective pants having an upper portion, which when worn covers a lower region of a wearer's torso, and two leg portions, each of which when worn covers one of the wearer's legs, wherein each leg portion has an upper region, which extends downwardly from the upper portion, and a lower region, which extends upwardly from a lower end of said leg portion toward the upper region and which terminates not higher than where said leg portion when worn covers the wearer's knee, wherein the lower region has a layer of puncture-resistant material, which is made from a cloth fabric, extends upwardly from the lower end of said leg portion, and surrounds the lower end of said leg portion.

2. (Original) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material and wherein only the lower region of each leg portion has the layer of puncture-resistant material.

3. (Original) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers.

4. (Original) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material, wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers, and

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wherein only the lower region of each leg portion has the layer of puncture-resistant material.

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